

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

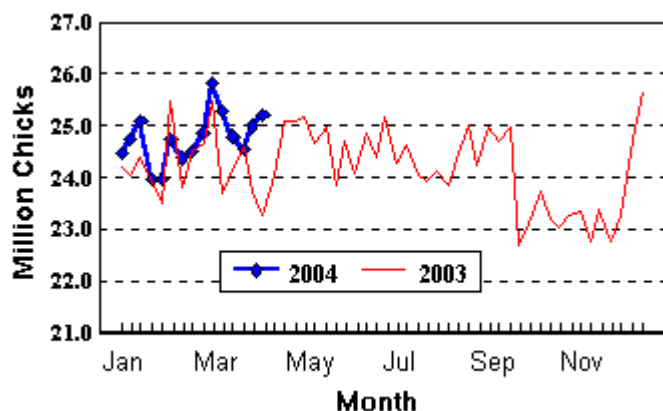
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.2 million during the week ending April 10, 2004. Placements were up 8 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 10, 2004 were 371.7 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.3 percent.

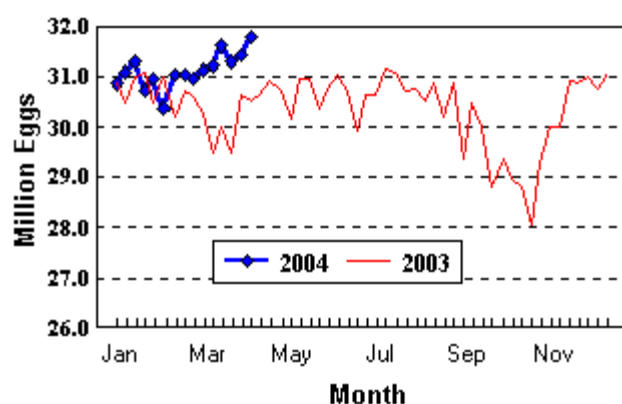
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 10, 2004, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 6	25,491	25,837	101	25,042	25,559	102	30,315	31,160	103
Mar. 13	23,738	25,314	107	25,582	25,468	100	29,522	31,225	106
Mar. 20	24,173	24,832	103	25,419	25,561	101	29,982	31,636	106
Mar. 27	24,592	24,554	100	25,098	25,833	103	29,511	31,331	106
Apr. 3	23,750	25,018	105	24,422	25,848	106	30,672	31,453	103
Apr. 10	23,255	25,230	108	24,831	26,033	105	30,527	31,786	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	20-Mar	27-Mar	03-Apr	10-Apr		06-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	03-Apr	10-Apr	
Alabama	29,743 *	29,773	30,354	30,392	105	21,665	21,839	22,282	21,787	21,846	21,649	101
ARKANSAS	31,636	31,331	31,453	31,786	104	25,837	25,314	24,832	24,554	25,018	25,230	108
Delaware	3,611	3,834	3,738	3,830	102	4,145	4,799	5,372	4,928	4,750 *	4,876	98
Florida	1,349	1,337	1,343	1,339	85	1,718	1,791	1,622	1,507	1,540	1,494	79
Georgia	32,201	32,685	32,159	33,150	102	26,205	26,331	26,135	25,683	26,963 *	25,446	101
Kentucky	6,685	7,176	7,249 *	6,722	110	5,716	5,957	5,632	5,760 *	5,801 *	5,785	97
Louisiana	3,742	3,787	3,877	3,966	106	3,522	3,605	3,957	3,870	3,778	4,036	115
Maryland	8,923	8,875	8,908 *	8,882	88	6,312	5,633	5,099	5,890	5,934 *	5,452	86
Mississippi	19,113	19,179	19,459	19,347	101	16,485	16,503	16,357 *	16,580 *	16,617	16,551	101
N. Carolina	19,243 *	18,611	19,033	19,277	102	14,409	15,145 *	14,689	14,615	15,120	15,060	99
Oklahoma	6,568	6,585	6,526	6,720	104	4,087	5,038	5,545	5,278	5,033	4,236	77
Pennsylvania	4,028	3,877 *	3,913 *	3,881	99	2,668	2,622	2,778	2,876 *	2,822 *	2,778	108
S. Carolina	3,694	3,781	3,392	3,783	76	3,980	3,721	4,097	4,714	4,179	4,526	129
Texas	15,093 *	15,382 *	15,421 *	15,359	101	12,295 *	12,329 *	12,403 *	12,413 *	12,504 *	12,529	105
Virginia	6,734	6,834	6,662	6,668	103	5,093	4,992	5,685	5,606	5,236 *	5,668	110
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,829	17,738	17,604 *	17,837	105	15,071 *	15,079	15,298	16,306	16,069 *	16,250	102
Total 2004	210,192 *	210,785 *	211,091 *	212,939		169,208 *	170,698 *	171,783 *	172,367 *	173,210 *	171,566	
Total 2003	206,460	205,168	210,423	209,388		165,230	167,239	169,125	169,325	167,811	168,725	
%Prev. Year	102	103	100	102		102	102	102	102	103	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						24-Apr	01-May	08-May	15-May	22-May	29-May	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending April 10, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 10, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through April 10, 2004 were 2.54 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.